In-patients in the State Hospitals.

19. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of in-patients in each of the Hospitals of the State for each of the last 3 years 1101, 1102 and 1103 and how many each year belonged to each of the various communities in every Hospital according to the classification of communities maintained in the Hospital registers?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Member's attention is invited to the statement of Medical Relief published in the *Administration Reports* of 1101, 1102 and 1103. Admission to the Hospitals is made not according to communities but according to the nature of the disease and so no record of communities has ever been maintained.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.— May I know whether the wealth or the poverty of the patient is a factor for admission?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Any one who comes to the Hospital is admitted. We do not inquire into the wealth or poverty of the patient.

Diwan's visit to Peermede.

20. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the object of the recent visit of the Diwan to Peermede in Travancore; how long did he stay there and what was the T. A. drawn on this account;

(b) had any previous Diwans visited Peermede before; if so, when and what were the objects?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) To interview the Agent to the Governor-General, Madras States. Stayed a day and a night. Travelling allowance Rs. 73—2—0.

(b) No information is available on any of these points.

Appointment of a Tenancy Committee.

21. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any letters have been received by the Government Advocate from the Member for Trippunittura and the Member for Land-holders with regard to the necessity of appointing a committee promised by the Diwan to enquire into the conditions of tenancy;

(b) if so, will they be pleased to state in print what those letters were?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Copies of the letters are appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

Improvement of Keli Thodu.

22. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) why the amount of Rs. 14,250 budgetted as No. 266 for the improvements of Keli *thodu* in the year 1104 was not utilised for the same and how was that amount utilised;

(b) a list of works budgetted in each of the last five years not undertaken that year with the amount for each item and how such amount was utilised every year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon—(a) It is proposed to take up this scheme after watching the effects of the proposed diversion of the flood water of the Karuvannur river (Karuvannur Scheme) for which estimate and report are ready. The amount was utilised for other works.

(b) Government regret they cannot furnish the list required as the purpose served thereby is not commensurate with time and labour involved in preparing it.

Thanikudam Scheme.

23. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state how much money was spent for the investigation of the Thanikudam Scheme and how the scheme now stands?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1st part. Rs. 3,983 roughly.

2nd part. The detailed Survey work of the Thanikudam Scheme is over and the report on it is being drawn up by the Special Irrigation Assistant Engineer. The preparation of the report had to be delayed with a view to ascertain the success or otherwise of the *Kuttadan* cultivation this year as this may help a great way to gauge the situation in solving the question of more water supply for *kole* cultivation in Trichur Taluk which will be discussed in the final report under preparation.

Acquisition of land for Companies under the Land Acquisition Regulation.

24. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state how much land was acquired under the Land Acquisition Regulation in Cochin for the use of limited companies; what are the names of such companies and what were the purposes for which each of this acquisition made and the date of acquisition and how much was acquired for each?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The information asked for cannot be furnished as the period for which it is wanted is not specified.

Pipe system in Ernakulam.

25. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether direct connection from the main pipe is generally allowed for flushing out latrines, etc., of private houses and Government buildings in Ernakulam; is such connection allowed to the General Hospital, Ernakulam?

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